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RE: Westwood Neighborhood Council & Proposed North Westwood Neighborhood Council

Dear President Atkinson:

We are writing on behalf of BizFed, the Los Angeles County Business Federation, a massive, diverse grassroots alliance of more than 170 business organizations representing 390,000 employers with 3.5 million employees throughout Los Angeles County. As a united federation, we advocate for policies and projects that strengthen our regional economy.

We are writing to oppose the inclusion of the Westwood Village Business Improvement District, the Wilshire-Westwood commercial corridor and one-half of Westwood's historic Iranian-American business community into the proposed North Westwood Neighborhood Council.

The interests of the business community would decrease by 50% (reduction from 4 to 2 seats on the governing board) and split a historic Iranian-American business community, from its currently unified representation in the Westwood Neighborhood Council.

At a time when the upcoming construction of the Purple Line will impact the Wilshire Corridor for at least the next 7 years, it is important to keep the business community along this corridor unified within the Westwood Neighborhood Council.

We urge you to preserve the unified business community in the Westwood Neighborhood Council and reject their inclusion into the North Westwood Neighborhood Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Lara Larramendi, Governmental Relations Director at 626/201-1683.

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Sincerely,

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